



Mrs. McKenna's Newsletter



December 9, 2016

This Week in ELA:

This week in reading, we practiced reading through words all the way until the end, not just paying attention to how they begin. We also read *We Will Go*, a poem about children going to the circus. We practiced writing and identifying sight words **up**, **down**, and **look**. In writing workshop, we continued informational writing. We talked about spelling hard-to-write words by slowly saying them, stretching our pretend rubber band, and recording a letter for every sound we hear. We also talked about teaching through the use of our pictures.

This Week in Math:

This week in math, we continued our exploration of measurement by discussing the terms "weight," "heavier," and "lighter." We used a balance scale to compare the weights of various objects in our classroom.

This Week in Social Studies:

We wrapped up our unit on Then and Now! The presentations were outstanding! Thank you again for helping your child connect social studies content with real life experiences. ☺ We are now experts on life long ago and should be able to compare today's schools, toys/games, transportation, communication, and clothes with those of the past.



December Birthdays!

Violet Strom 12/1 Farrah Ballouli 12/12
Kimani Jenkins-Davis 12/5 Aaliyah Scott 12/20

Important Dates:

- 12/16 Winter Concert/Class Celebration
- 12/19 Start of Winter Break
- 1/3 Back to School
- 1/12 Parent University Night
(more information to follow)



Announcements:

- This will be our last newsletter before the break. Next week we will have some fun exploring holidays celebrated around the world and reviewing some of the skills we have learned throughout this quarter. ☺
- Thank you for the winter celebration donations! We are so appreciative of any amount you can give. We will look forward to a fun-filled celebration this Friday.



Home Talk:

What holidays does your family celebrate this time of year? Do you know people who celebrate something different? Start a conversation with your child to kick off our "Holidays Around the World" unit coming up this week.



We are Bucket Fillers!



We fill buckets...no dipping!

Each week, teachers will pick a student who has done a great job being a "bucket filler," or a kind friend. This week, our bucket filler is: **Andy Wertz**

